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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

GENEVA FOR SAUNDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR US INTERCESSION AT GENEVA TALKS

1. AT FAHMY'S BEHEST, USAMA AL-BAZ, HIS CHEF DE CABINET, TELEPHONED THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION AT GENEVA HAS REPORTED THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE TAKING A TOTALLY UNREASONABLY POSITION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN WATER WELLS IN THE SOUTHERNSECTOR ADJACENT TO THE OIL FIELD. THE ISRAELI SIDE, ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN REPORTS, WANT TO RETURN THE FIELDS WITHOUT THE WAEELS. THE EGYPTIAN SIDE HAS PROPOSED THAT THE UN TAKE CONTROL THE THESE WELLS. APART FROM THE REASONABILITY OF THE ISRAELI POSITION, FAHMY CONSIDERS IT INCONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT.

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2. SOME "AMERICAN SOURCES" (UNIDENTIFIED), AL-BAZ STATED, HAVE CONFIDED TO THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION THAT THE ISRAELIS APPARENTLY KNEW ABOUT THESE WATER WELLS, BUT WITHHELD THE INFORMATION FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE.

3. FAHMY REQUESTS THAT THIS INFORMATION BE CONVEYED TO THE SECRETARY
IN THE HOPE THAT HE MIGHT INTERCEDE WITH THE ISRAELIS TO
STOP THIS "MESSING
AROUND". I TOLD AL-BAZ I WOULD REPORT HIS
COMMENTS BUT THAT I THOUGHT THESE WERE MATTERS WHICH
OUGHT TO BE SETTLED AT GENEVA BY THE PARTIES THEMSELVES.
AL-BAZ SAID EGYPTIAN DELEGATION HAS TRIED TO DO SO, BUT
ISRAELI ADAMANCY HAS LED TO AN IMPASSE.

4. COMMENT: I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER THIS IS THE WHOLE
STORY AND ASSUME HAL SAUNDERS HAS ALL THE FACTS. EGYPTIANS
ARE PRETTY EXERCISED ABOUT THIS, SINCE THEY SEEM TO BELIEVE THAT
WITHOUT THE WATER WELLS, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT IF NOT
IMPOSSIBLE TO OPERATE THE OIL FIELDS. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT I MAY
TELL FAHMY ON THIS MATTER.
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